भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक अधिनियम, 1934 के अन्तर्गत भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक में निहित शक्तियों से परे है। कार्यान्वयन करने वाली एजेंसियों से यह आशा की जाती है कि यह सुनिश्चित करें कि परिसंपत्तियों का सृजन गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत किया गया है।

Shortfall in Printing of Notes

3772. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMCHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI printing units in the country are printing notes to full capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons for shortfall in the country; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to utilise the full capacity to stop import of currency notes and to meet the shortage?

MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The RBI printing units at Mysore and Salboni are presently having plant and machinery for one line of production. Present installed capacity on the basis of one shift at Mysore and double shift at Salboni, is 1800 million pieces against which the production was 1761 million pieces during the year 1997-98.

(b) Before the RBI printing presses commenced production, the currency notes were printed only at Currency Note Press, Nasik and Bank Note Press, Dewas. These two printing presses together are able to meet only about 35% of the demand for fresh notes by RBI.

(c) When all the lines of machines at RBI printing presses come into full production, by end of the year, the presses would be able to produce 4770 million pieces of note each. Besides the Government note-printing presses at Nasik and Dewas also being modernised. After completion of the modernisation programme by end of this year thier production capacity will also be increased from 7775 million pieces to 8300 million pieces per year. In order to meet the shortage situation Government has also permitted RBI to import printed notes of 3600 million pieces, as a one time measure.

Accumulation of Tax arrears

3773. DR. JAGANNATH MISRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of tax arrears is accumulating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor both in respect of direct and indirect taxes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem and achievement made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases of irregularities in State Bank of Indore

3774. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 165 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the cases of the Union Leaders/employees found guilty of misusing the house loan advance and on whom penalty of withholding of 2/6 increments was imposed been settled and punishments reduced by the Bank;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the enquiry against the officer at Gwalior (staying for the last 8 years) has since been completed; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) The disciplinary proceedings initiated against the employees in the public sector banks are governed by the well-established